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FOR SCICOUNS

WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY TRANSMITTING TO AYKAZYAN, SCST,
FOLLOWING LETTER FROM GANLEY.

1. QUOTE. DEAR EDWARD: I AM GRATEFUL FOR YOUR FRANK
COMMENTS IN YOUR RECENT MEETING WITH DR. LOEBNER REGARDING
CERTAIN PROBLEMS POSED TO SCST IN CONNECTION WITH US
DELEGATIONS TRAVELING TO THE SOVIET UNION. I, TOO, FOR
SOME TIME HAVE BEEN CONCERNED WITH PROBLEMS BEING
ENCOUNTERED IN ARRANGING FOR THE EXCHANGE OF DELEGATIONS.

2. WE APPRECIATE THE GRACIOUS HOSPITALITY BEING SHOWN
BY SOVIET HOSTS TO THE WIVES ACCOMPANYING HUSBANDS. WHILE
THE THOUGHTFULNESS OF ARRANGING SEPARATE PROGRAMS FOR THE
WIVES HAS BEEN WARMLY APPRECIATED I AM SURE THAT NO ONE
INVOLVED WOULD WISH TO CAUSE ANY UNNECESSARY INCONVENIENCE
TO THE SOVIET HOSTS.

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3. WITH RESPECT TO MEMBERS OF US DELEGATIONS ARRIVING IN THE USSR AT DIFFERENT TIMES, WE AGREE THIS SHOULD BE AVOIDED WHEREVER POSSIBLE AND ASK YOUR INDULGENCE FOR THOSE RELATIVELY FEW INSTANCES WHERE OTHER BUSINESS PREVENTS THE DELEGATION FROM ARRIVING ALL IN ONE GROUP.

4. WE BELIEVE THAT TRAVEL IN BOTH DIRECTIONS HAS BEEN IN MANY CASES COMPLICATED BY LAST-MINUTE CHANGES IN DATES OF MEETINGS AND COMPOSITION OF DELEGATIONS. WE THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT DATES FOR MEETINGS BE AGREED UPON NO LATER THAN ONE MONTH IN ADVANCE OF DEPARTURE, AND VISA APPLICATIONS BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE OF DEPARTURE. OUR RESPECTIVE EMBASSIES WOULD THEN HAVE ADEQUATE TIME TO OBTAIN AUTHORIZATION SO THAT THE VISAS COULD BE ISSUED EXPEDITIOUSLY. I WOULD BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE YOUR REACTION TO THIS SUGGESTED PROGRAM OF ACTION FOR A MORE ORDERLY IMPLEMENTATION OF JOINT COOPERATIVE EFFORTS UNDER OUR AGREEMENT.

5. I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING WITH YOU IN SEPTEMBER.
BEST REGARDS, SINCERELY, OSWALD H. GANLEY, DIRECTOR,
OFFICE OF SOVIET AND EASTERN EUROPEAN S&T AFFAIRS. END
QUOTE. KISSINGER

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